

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2005
(Approved November 21, 2005)

The Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 7, 2005. Present for the meeting were supervisors Robert Preston, David K. Leinbach, W. Atlee Rinehart, John Doering, Jr. and Timothy Roland. Also, in attendance were John A. Koury, Jr., Township Solicitor and Casey LaLonde, Township Manager and Brady Flaharty of ARRO Consulting, Inc. Mr. Preston called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and the pledge was recited.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of October 17, 2005

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve minutes of the October 17, 2005 workshop meeting as amended. Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Amendments being in the heading add Timothy Roland; under subheading, Traffic Study (Parkerford Village), note the four points that were raised; under subheading, Additional Items Brought Before the Board, change '2003' to '2005'.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Karen Nocella of Bishop Road asked the process for weed violations and Mr. Preston noted that when a violation letter is sent and the violation is not abated within the specified time period a citation is issued.

3. REPORTS

Reports from Various Departments and Committees

Mr. Doering moved to authorize the Township Engineer to make application for a Highway Occupancy Permit and NPDES Stormwater Permit for Heyser Park entrance, parking lot and driveway construction. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Thirty eight thousand dollars is to be transferred to the Traffic Impact Fund.

Mr. Leinbach moved to approved reports from various departments and committees, fund balances report, budget summary report and \$1M loan expenditure report with clarification as noted. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Fund Balances Report

Fund	Checking	Money Market	CDs	Total
General	\$4,356.19	\$403,855.51		\$408,211.70
Capital Reserve		\$21,091.15		\$21,091.15
Highway Aid	\$667.26	\$99,749.92		\$100,417.18
Sanitary Sewer	\$431.69	\$11,321.41		\$11,753.10
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	\$1,000.00	\$298,632.59		\$299,632.59
Police Safety	\$2,706.67		\$2,500.93	\$5,207.60

Water Users	\$5,196.17			\$5,196.17
TOTAL				\$851,509.49

Sewer Study

Mr. William Dingham of EDM Consultants was present to discuss the sewer schedule. Projected construction time is September 2006 – August 2007. Mr. Leinbach questioned the drastic change in projected construction times. Mr. Dingham responded that the time change occurred due to the October schedule assumed that bidding would not be authorized until permits were obtained. It was noted that contracts would not be awarded until permits are obtained.

Mrs. Foller of East Cedarville Road had concerns of repercussions from the sewer surveys and Mr. Leinbach noted that if septic problems were found the Health Department and DEP would look to the East Coventry Township Act 537 Plan.

Mr. Leinbach suggested that all materials be delivered to the Township Office and Board of Supervisors directly.

Mr. Doering moved to have EDM Consultants to provide more detailed information regarding key milestones and action taken by any party concerning the sewer projects and the charges will be taken from the sewer fund. Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Preston moved to authorize EDM Consultants to proceed with Buckwalter Road study in accordance with timeline provided by EDM Consultants. Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Project: Blossom Meadows II Applicant: All County Partnership

Mr. Leinbach moved to authorize the Township Engineer to perform an inspection for Escrow Release No. 8 for Blossom Meadows II. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Project: Blossom Meadows I Applicant: All County Partnership

Mr. Doering moved to authorize the Township Engineer to perform an inspection for Escrow Release No. 6 for Blossom Meadows I. Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Project: Creekview Applicant: Heritage Building Group

Mr. Leinbach moved to approve Escrow Release No. 5 for Creekview for the amount of \$473,983.92. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leinbach moved to authorize the Township Engineer to perform an inspection for Escrow Release No. 6 for Creekview. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Project: Coventry Glen Applicant: Heritage Building Group
Mr. Leinbach moved to approve Escrow Release No. 8 for Coventry Glen for the amount of \$335,908.35. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leinbach moved to authorize the Township Engineer to perform an inspection for Escrow Release No. 9 for Coventry Glen. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Project: Heather Glen Applicant: Heritage Building Group
Mr. Roland moved to approve Escrow Release No. 4 for Heather Glen for the amount of \$66,947.04. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leinbach moved to authorize the Township Engineer to perform an inspection for Escrow Release No. 5 for Heather Glen. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Project: Orchard Ridge Applicant: High Associates, Inc.
Mr. Doering moved to approve Escrow Release No. 5 for Orchard Ridge for the amount of \$168,337.01. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

It was noted the releases should not exceed the 10% retainage.

Mr. Doering moved to authorize the Township Engineer to perform an inspection for Escrow Release No. 6 for Orchard Ridge. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Project: Maack Subdivision Applicant: Gambone Development
Mr. Leinbach moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-18 granting sketch plan approval for the Maack Subdivision. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Project: Coventry Business Park Applicant: Marvin Colona
Mr. Doering moved to approve concept plan for Fricks Lock Road and Route 724 intersection contingent upon the chevron area turned into grass. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Project: Tailored Turf Applicant: Jeffrey Kratz
Mr. Leinbach moved to authorize the Township Engineer to perform a final inspection for Tailored Turf. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Project: Yorgey Subdivision Applicant: Dorothy Yorgey
Mr. Roland moved to grant the fifteen waivers for the Yorgey Subdivision as found in Township Engineering letter dated October 20, 2005 contingent upon a letter being sent to the applicant regarding the non-building waiver and declaration. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Project: Meadowbrooke Hunt

Applicant: Fulmer Road, LP

Mr. Leinbach moved to approve Meadowbrooke Hunt revised plan sheets in accordance with Township Engineer letter dated October 4, 2005. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Project: Woodcrest Estates

Applicant: The Nolen Group

Mr. Rinehart moved to accept the easement for the Pump Station 2 on Lot 22 of Woodcrest Estates. Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Project: Ivywood Estates

Applicant: T.H. Properties, Inc.

The applicant has withdrawn from the agenda.

Project: Sharp Subdivision

Applicant: John and Jacqueline Sharp

Mr. Roland moved to deny the Sharp plans accepted May 18, 2005 and August 17, 2005. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leinbach moved to authorize the Township Solicitor to represent the Township concerning the Sharp case and meet with Sharp's counsel and the Township Engineer. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Leinbach noted the applicant's engineer must be present at the meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Right-of-Way Agreement

Mr. Leinbach moved to approve the Right-of-Way Agreement with the North Coventry Municipal Authority. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Police Policy and Procedures

Mr. Doering moved to approved Resolution 2005-19 containing police department policies and procedures. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Preston requested the review letter from Reed Smith be attached to the resolution.

Appointments

Mr. Preston moved to appoint Mr. McGregor to the 5-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, Mr. Coine to the 4-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board and Mr. Vetere to the alternate Zoning Hearing Board member position. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Appointments are effective for the next scheduled zoning hearing.

Mr. Preston moved to authorize the Township Manager to send a letter to Rob Blye regarding re-appointment and the other three individuals discussed. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Route 23 Traffic Study

Mr. Leinbach moved to contact PennDot regarding a Route 23 traffic study. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Study

This item was discussed earlier.

Budget

The 2006 budget will be discussed at the November 21, 2005 workshop meeting.

Hunting

It was noted there was a hunting incident in the township. It was also noted the township cannot pass an ordinance addressing hunting and hunting is regulated by the Pennsylvania State Game Commission. Mr. Preston suggested the Game Commission be scheduled to attend a meeting when appropriate and provide an assessment of hunting safety in the township.

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD

The Township Solicitor noted that public notices for the hearing for the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission would be in the newspaper on November 19, 2005 and November 25, 2005.

Liquid fuels allocation for 2006 is \$129,231.83 and turnback payment is \$13,675.00.

Mr. Leinbach moved to approve purchase of sewer system safety equipment (safety tripod and safety harness) for \$2,615.00 in 2006. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leinbach noted concerns regarding Zoning Hearing Board Application #217 requesting a horse on 2 acres. Mr. Leinbach moved to oppose Zoning Hearing Board Application #217, Mr. Doering seconded the motion, the motion failed with a vote of 3-2.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Doering moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David K. Leinbach
Township Secretary